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CHANGE IN TOPOGRAPHY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the topography of Andaman and Nicobar islands and coastal areas of South India was disturbed due to Tsunami and earthquake as reported in the "Hindu" dated January 22, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted any committee to look into this matter;

(d) if so, the recommendations received in this regard; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The preliminary studies are indicative of topographic changes of the order of 2-3 meters in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(c): The Government has not constituted any committee to look into this matter since the surveys are still in progress.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.